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FROM : GERMANY, FRANKFURT

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SUBJECT : BLANK'S ACTIVITIES REGARDING REMILITARIZATION

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THEODOR BLANK, COORDINATOR FOR REARMAMENT QUESTIONS IN THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ON GERMANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO A EUROPEAN DEFENSE FORCE. BLANK'S VIEWS MAY BE SOMEWHAT COLORED BY HIS OWN ATTITUDES AND AMBITIONS.

1. BLANK IS HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC AND BELIEVES THAT AN AGREEMENT IS NOW ASSURED AND THAT THE CONTRACT FOR A EUROPEAN DEFENSE FORCE WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE WITHIN FOUR WEEKS, ALLOWING GERMANY 12 DIVISIONS, WITH ARMORED UNITS AND COASTAL BATTERIES ALONG THE BALTIC SEA, AS WELL AS A TACTICAL AIR FORCE WITH 1,700 PLANES, AND PROVIDING FOR MIXED COMMAND OF CORPS ORGANIZATIONS.

2. GERMANY WILL INSTITUTE A GENERAL SYSTEM FOR A MILITARY DRAFT, WHICH WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT PREVAILING IN OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. BLANK ASSERTS THAT FORMER SS MEMBERS AND OTHER RADICAL ELEMENTS WILL BE CAREFULLY SCREENED OUT. A COMBINED INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL WILL BE ESTABLISHED, WHILE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL BE TRAINED IN THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES.

3. BLANK WAS CALLED IN BY CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LATTER RETURNED FROM PARIS ON 23 NOVEMBER. ADENAUER COMPLIMENTED BLANK ON HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED. BLANK CLAIMS THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT WHEN THE AGREEMENTS ARE CONCLUDED AND SIGNED HE WILL BE NEEDED AS DEFENSE MINISTER IN THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT HIS CANDIDACY HAS

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4. BLANK SAYS THAT THE ONLY THING THE GERMANS FEAR AT PRESENT IS THAT AFTER ALL THE PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION THE AMERICANS MAY DECIDE AT THE LAST MINUTE TO CHANGE THE PLANS. THIS FEAR OF AMERICAN INCONSTANCY IS SAID BY BLANK TO BE A MORE SERIOUS MATTER THAN CRITICISM FROM THE FRENCH.

5. SHORTLY BEFORE BLANK LEFT PARIS, HE WAS APPROACHED BY THE LEADER OF THE ITALIAN DELEGATION, LOMBARDO, WHO EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT ITALY'S ROLE IS BEING OVERSHADOWED BY THE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION PAID TO FRENCH-GERMAN COOPERATION. LOMBARDO ANTICIPATES THAT THIS MAY HAVE A BAD PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE ITALIANS, AND HAS ASKED THE FRENCH FOR ASSURANCES THAT ITALY WILL BE TREATED FAIRLY BY THE FRENCH AND THE GERMANS.

6. BLANK HAS STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE UTILIZATION OF A GROWING GROUP OF GERMAN SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS WHO ARE OFFERING THEIR SERVICES TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN THE MILITARY-TECHNICAL FIELD. MOST OF THESE MEN REFUSE TO WORK FOR THE ALLIES, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONCEALED THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE ALLIES. SOME WERE TECHNICIANS DURING THE LAST WAR WHO HAVE HIDDEN THEIR PLANS, WHILE OTHERS HAVE WORKED CLANDESTINELY. BLANK CONSIDERS THAT SOME OF THEM POSSESS EXCELLENT PLANS AND IDEAS. IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROMISE NOT TO ATTEMPT TO LURE THE TECHNICIANS OUT OF GERMANY, BLANK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEKING AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP AN EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY: HE SAYS HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE THE RESULTS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN FOR FINANCIAL HELP AND SECURITY SUPPORT.

7. BLANK SAYS HE RECENTLY SENT FOUR TANK SPECIALISTS TO SPAIN. THE PURPOSE IS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SPANISH MILITARY LEADERS AND OFFICIALS AND TO DISCUSS THE EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION OF SPAIN IN A EUROPEAN ARMY. THE GERMANS ARE TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SPANIARDS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT UNSTABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN, BECAUSE ADENAUER IS CERTAIN THAT SPAIN WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE ADMITTED AS A PARTNER AND FEELS IT CAN DO NO HARM TO GIVE THE SPANIARDS THE IMPRESSION THAT GERMANY IS BACKING THEM AND TO SOLIDIFY THEIR POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR A CLOSE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE IN THE FUTURE.

8. PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY BLANK TO ENLARGE HIS STAFF IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY AT PRESENT IS KEEPING PEACE BETWEEN THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 20 JULY AFFAIR AND THEIR SUPPORTERS AND THEIR OPPONENTS WHO DESCRIBE THEM AS TRAITORS. THIS QUARREL HAS CAUSED MUCH STRIFE RECENTLY IN HIS OFFICE, AND HAS BROUGHT CRITICISM UPON BLANK HIMSELF. ONE CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN THAT BLANK HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DISMISS JOACHIM OSTER (FOR INEFFICIENCY AND FOR CAUSING FRICTION IN THE OFFICE) AS HE DESIRES TO DO, BECAUSE THIS ACTION WOULD LEAD THE SUPPORTERS OF THE 20 JULY GROUP TO ACCUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM.

9. AT PRESENT BLANK PLANS TO MAKE FRIEDRICH WILHELM HEINZ THE CHIEF OF THE CHIEF OF THE ABWEHR IN A GERMAN CONTRIBUTORY ARMY.

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